Disposal of pending cases

626. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost one-fourth of 800,000 cases awaiting disposal in Allahabad High Court have been pending for more than ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases pending for more than 10 years in all High Courts of the country;

(d) whether any steps are contemplated for fast track disposal of these cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of a total 10,53,794 cases pending as on 31.3.2006, which includes 7,75,583 main cases and 2,78,211 miscellaneous cases, 3,42,135 cases are pending for more than 10 years.

(c) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Expeditious disposal of cases in the courts is a matter which concerns the judiciary. Government has, however, taken a number of measures that include timely filling up of the vacancies in the High Courts, review of the judge strength etc.

Statement

Details of cases pending for more than ten years in the High Courts

Sl. No.	High Courts	Pending for more than ten years	As on
1	2	3	4
1.	Allahabad	342135	31.3.2006
2.	Andhra Pradesh	5726	31.3.2006
3.	Bombay	49625	31.12.2005

1	2	3	4
4.	Calcutta	93183	31.3.2006
5.	Delhi	11554	31.12.2005
6.	Gujarat	15121	31.12.2005
7.	Guwahati	6	31.12.2005
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	31.3.2006
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	393	31.3.2006
10.	Karnataka	486	31.12.2005
11.	Kerala	1486	31.3.2006
12.	Madras	1926	30.9.2005
13.	Madhya Pradesh	6679	31.12.2005
14.	Orissa	11996	31.12.2005
15.	Patna	17943	31.12.2005
16.	Punjab & Haryana	68711	31.3.2006
17.	Rajasthan	19200	31.3.2006
18.	Sikkim	0	31.3.2006
19.	Uttaranchal	6030	31.12.2005
20.	Jharkhand	NA	
21.	Chhattisgarh	NA	
	TOTAL	654206	

Bench of Calcutta and Allahabad High Court

627. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have approved the establishment of a circuit bench of Calcutta High Court;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a similar proposal under approval of the Union